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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANT: Dmitrii STEPANOV et al

TITLE: REDUCTION OF PULSATIONS IN DFB LASERS

COMPLETION OF PCT/AU99/01019 filed 17 November 1999

#3/Re-Amend  
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The Commissioner for Patents (DO/EO/US)  
Box PCT  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Please amend the application being filed herewith under 35 USC 371.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel all claims from the PCT application as filed as well as claims 1-21 from the claims filed in response to the Written Opinion on October 30, 2000 and substitute new claims 22-43 as attached to the substitute specification.

**REMARKS**

The aforesaid claims are based on the claims as filed in response to the Written Opinion in the PCT international application, with amendments to place the same in better condition for examination under U.S. rules of practice.

Examination of this U.S. application is requested to be based on the substitute specification enclosed herewith, which is based on the following materials:

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